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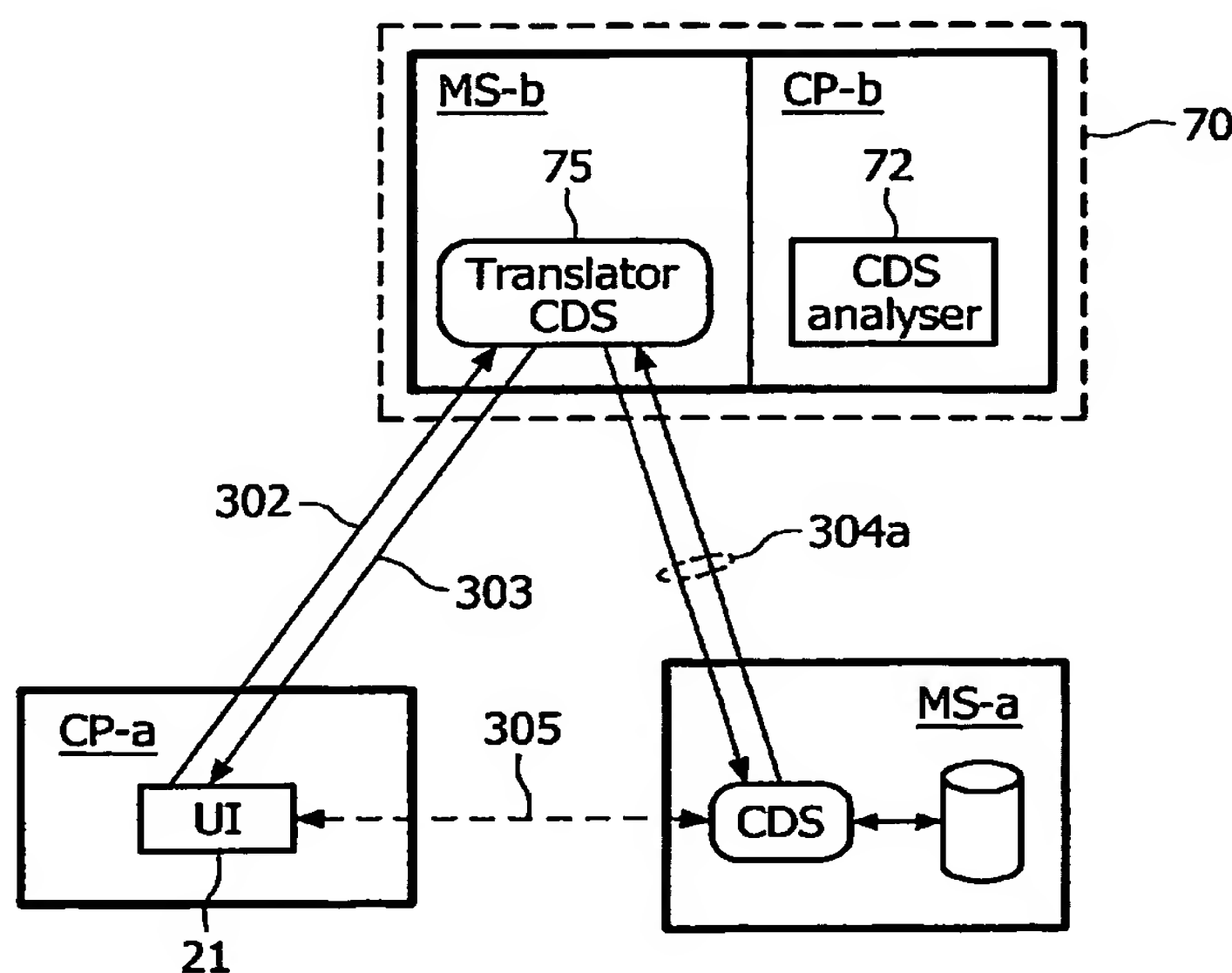
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(54) Title: TRANSLATION SERVICE FOR A SYSTEM WITH A CONTENT DIRECTORY SERVICE



(57) Abstract: A system includes a device (MS-a) which stores media content information using a form of Content Directory Service (CDS) and querying devices (CP-a) which make queries for media content information. An entity (70) provides a translation service for querying devices (CP-a). Entity (70) translates a query (302) from the querying device (CP-a) into an optimised query using previously acquired knowledge of the CDS of the device (MS-a). This can reduce the time taken to extract the required information from a serving device. The knowledge of the CDS can include the structure, scope, metadata availability, content distribution, search facilities and querying performance offered by the Content Directory Service (CDS) of the serving device (MS-a). The system can be based on Universal Plug and Play (UPnP).

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